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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended)—A method of controlling the program selection at the receiver ~~(6)~~ of at least one broadcast medium, the method comprising the steps of:

managing a list of preferred programs in accordance with predetermined criteria, and in which at least a part of the criteria is based on information about the program evaluation by other users of the broadcast medium,

adapting the receiver's program selection to allow a user to navigate through the list of preferred programs in accordance with the predetermined criteria.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the program evaluation is gained from an inquiry of evaluation notes by other users and/or from an audience or viewer number.

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein at least a part of the predetermined criteria is based on information about

- the program provider;
- a description supplied with the program;
- an evaluation of the program supplied by the program provider;
- explicitly predetermined user preferences;
- implicitly gained user preferences;
- the position of a program in the list ~~(4)~~;
- the period of time elapsed since the last selection of a program;
- the time a user stays with a program; and/or
- the period of time elapsed since the invention of a program in the list ~~(7)~~.

4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claims 1, wherein the criteria are weighted adaptively.

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5. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claims 1, wherein control inputs enable a user to navigate stepwise through the list.

6. (Previously Presented) A method of controlling the program selection at the receiver (6) of at least one broadcast medium, in which a list of preferred programs is managed in accordance with predetermined criteria, and in which control inputs enable a user to navigate stepwise through the list, particularly a method as claimed in claims 1, wherein a new program is added to the list, when its limits are exceeded when navigating through said list.

7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein programs fulfilling a temporally limited negative criterion are positioned at a distance from the current navigation position in the list, which distance corresponds to the remaining duration of the negative criterion.

8. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claims 1, wherein program information is supplied when a program is selected from the list.

9. (Previously Presented) A receiver for at least one broadcast medium, comprising a processing unit for managing a list of preferred programs in accordance with predetermined criteria, wherein the processing unit has an input for information signals relating to the program evaluation by other users of the broadcast medium, and wherein it is adapted to perform a method as claimed in claims 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1, or a receiver as claimed in claim 9, wherein the broadcast medium is television or radio.